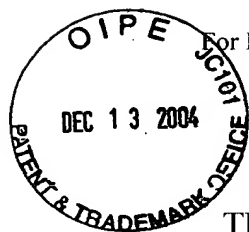


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.